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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF HOUSE PASSAGE OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

1 AFTERNOON PRESS DECEMBER 12 AND MORNING PAPERS DECEMBER 13 HAVE GIVEN MAJOR FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO PASSAGE OF \$2,668 MILLION FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. DRAWN FROM WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, ARTICLES HAVE FEATURED FACT HOUSE SET LIMIT OF \$145 MILLION ON MILITARY AID TO KOREA BUT THAT ROK "COULD GET AN ADDITIONAL \$20 MILLION IF SHE CLEARS HERSELF OF THE CONTROVERSIAL HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE." PRESS CARRIED WIRE SERVICE REPORTING THAT AID LIMIT IS "GESTURE OF DISAPPROVAL FOR THE AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT OF PARK CHUNG HEE." ONLY ADDITIONAL COMMENT ON HOUSE ACTION APPEARED DECEMBER 13 IN CHOSUN ILBO WHICH NOTED THAT CONDITIONED ADDITIONAL MONEY WAS FIRST OF ITS KIND IN 30 YEARS OF US AID TO KOREA. CHOSUN SAID; "WE FEEL DEPRESSED AND ASHAMED OF RECEIVING SUCH MONEY." CHOSUN ILBO NOTED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS OF KOREA WERE BEING VALUED AT \$20 MILLION OR 60 CENTS PER KOREAN AND RHETORICALLY ASKED, "WHO SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS LOW HUMAN RIGHT VALUE OF KOREANS." CHOSUN ILBO CONCLUDED THAT "WE MUST FEEL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS (HUMILIATION)

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AND RESOLVE TO CORRECT IT."

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